

- I. Claims 15-23 and 26, drawn to method of treating convulsions in a mammal in need thereof, classified in class 424, subclass 489.
- II. Claims 27-36, drawn to method of treating epilepsy in a mammal in need thereof, classified in class 424, subclass 489.

Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I (Claims 15-23 and 26) with traverse.

These are two criteria for a proper restriction requirement between patentably distinct inventions: (1) the inventions must independent or distinct as claimed; and (2) there must be a serious burden on the Examiner if restriction is not required. MPEP 803. Applicants agree with the Examiner's findings that the alleged separate inventions are patentable over each other; however, Applicants urge that there is no serious burden on the Examiner in combining the restricted groups into one application since Groups I and II are both classified in class 424, subclass 489. Since there is no serious burden on the Examiner if restriction is not required, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the restriction requirement.

Early favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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